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On October 19, 2006 we received a report from the Director of Public Works and the Chief Information Officer (CIO) indicating that the eDAPTS vendor, Accela, cannot successfully deliver the core functionality of the system. The enterprise-wide land permitting and inspection tracking system was the primary deliverable for this project. Accela signed a contract with Public Works over four years ago to deliver this system within 18 months. While the CIO's expansion of the project has seen limited success, the original project has been a resounding failure on the part of Accela due to their inability to deliver a quality and effective product. According to this report, the County has paid Accela approximately \$1.5 million of a total \$2.5 million contract, but has received a small fraction of the promised system.

We are now informed that the contract with Accela must be amended so that its terms reflect the reduced scope of the project. In recent briefings with each of the Board offices, it was made clear to Public Works and the CIO that the terms of the original contract regarding payment for deliverables must be strictly adhered to; there shall be no payments to Accela for deliverables that are not fully usable by the County and which do not meet all of our functional requirements as agreed to in the contract.

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WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board direct County Counsel, CIO, and the Department of Public Works to:

1. Report back to the Board with an exit strategy outlining options and recommendations for terminating and/or amending the contract, including litigation if necessary, to recover amounts paid to Accela for work that did not result in a useable component; and
2. Make no further payments to Accela for the eDAPTS project without confirmation by County Counsel that all payments to Accela have been and will be made in accordance with the provisions of the original signed contract; and
3. Report back to the Board within 90 days with options for acquiring a replacement web-based permit tracking system.

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